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LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

WRECK ON A TRESTLE

EXPRESS TRAIN LEAVES THE RAILS NEAR GUION, IND.

One Man Killed and Eight Injured.
Big Street Railway Deal Closed—
Check for Millions Given in Payment of Same—Other Items.

Wreck on a Trestle.
A wreck occurred on the Indiana, Decatur & Northwestern Railroad at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning fifty-two miles west of Indianapolis, near Guion, Ind. The Indianapolis express left the tracks west of the trestle, which was sixty feet long, with seven coaches off the rails and bumping along the ties. The rear car had just left the trestle when a spreading of the rails ahead of the baggage car piled the seven cars into a heap. The baggage car and smoker were ground almost into splinters, and all of the cars were badly wrecked. There were about fifty passengers on the train, which, it is claimed, was running at nearly sixty miles an hour to make up lost time. One man was killed and eight injured.

BIG STREET RAILWAY DEAL.

Check for \$2,280,000 Is Given at St. Louis.

William J. Orthwein, acting for his father, Charles F. Orthwein, on Saturday signed a check for \$2,280,000 in payment for the stock of the National Railway Company, which owned and operated what are known as the Hamilton syndicate lines of street railway in St. Louis. The formal transfer of the property was made in Chicago Monday.

The check, with one possible exception—that given in payment for the Missouri Pacific Railroad—was the largest ever signed in St. Louis. It was certified by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, and is only a part payment on the property of the National Company.

The deal is the biggest yet made in street railroad properties in St. Louis, and practically was closed on December 3. The consideration is said to have been \$3,000,000.

HAS A FIGHT WITH ROBBERS

Railroad Detective Shot in Ohio—
Supposed Crook Killed.

James Foster, a railroad detective, caught two men robbing a freight car early Sunday morning at Columbus, Ohio, and was shot twice. He returned the fire, but fell from loss of blood. An hour afterward Fred Deering, a special policeman, went to August Brokawski's house, suffering from a pistol shot through the stomach, and died without making a statement. A revolver with three chambers empty was found on him. Brokawski was arrested. A lot of stolen goods was found in his house.

SAILS FOR AMERICA.

Peace Commissioners Passengers on the Steamer St. Louis.

The American peace commissioners sailed from Southampton, England, for America Saturday on the steamer St. Louis. Judge Day said the treaty of peace will probably be delivered to the president December 24, but it was impossible to say whether it would be presented to the present congress or the succeeding one. This matter the president will decide.

Two Farmers Killed by a Train.
Fred Kehle and Theodore Nassing, wealthy and prominent farmers, who lived a few miles from Amesbury, Ill., were run down and instantly killed by the south-bound through Alton passenger train Saturday night. They had been to the village on business and were returning home in a dog cart when killed.

Russia Not to Build Canal.
In a communication to the state department Consul General Holloway, at St. Petersburg, says the Russian government has no purpose of building a ship canal to connect the Baltic Sea with the Black Sea and suggests that American newspapers be informed of the fact.

Baron Ferdinand Rothschild Dead.
Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild is dead. He was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, married a cousin, Evelina, sister of the first Lord Rothschild; was a member of parliament; was a junior member of the Rothschilds of London and Paris.

A Spanish Guerrilla Shot.
A Spanish guerrilla who landed at Santiago Saturday to settle his affairs, was recognized by the Cubans and fatally wounded. A Cuban has been arrested on suspicion of being the assailant and if the crime is fixed upon him, Gen. Wood intends to make an example.

A Score are Drowned.
The steamer Piermont has been in a collision with the steamer Illinois in the North Sea. The Illinois foundered and the Piermont was badly damaged. It is believed twenty persons were drowned.

King Oscar III.
The Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that King Oscar II, of Sweden and Norway has been suddenly taken ill and is now confined to his bed.

ONLY FEMALE G. A. R. MEMBER

"Aunt Lucy" Nichols Is Granted a Pension by the Government.

"Aunt Lucy" Nichols of New Albany, Ind., has been granted a pension of \$12 per month by special act of congress. Lucy is the only female member of a G. A. R. post in the United States. She served through the war with the Twenty-third Indiana, participating in twenty-eight battles. She fought, nursed the sick and cooked and washed for the others. She joined the regiment at Bolivar, Tenn., running away from her master. He traced her to the camp of the Twenty-third, but she begged protection and the soldiers kept her. Her daughter, who was with her, died at Vicksburg. Lucy was with the regiment at Washington when it was mustered out, and accompanied the men to New Albany.

PUTS SEVEN MEN IN IRONS.

Captain of the Tauric Method of Handling Unruly Stockmen.

When the White Star steamer Tauric, from Liverpool, arrived at New York, she had seven of her passengers in irons. Their names are William Sullivan, James Donovan, Thomas Ellis, Charles Nichol, Otto Steele, James Parker and Timothy Hornby, all cattlemen. The men are accused of breaking into the ship's stores on December 3 and appropriating 192 bottles of ale and other commodities. The captain of the Tauric says that the men became intoxicated after drinking the stolen ale and were so unruly and violent that he was compelled to put them in irons. Upon the arrival of the vessel the captain turned the accused over to the police.

ANOTHER DEATH AT BUTTE.

The Fumes from the Smelters Claim One More Victim.

Thomas Donlan, an old time miner, was a victim Thursday from the smelter fumes, which still cover the city of Butte, Mont., like a poison saturated blanket. John Egster, at one of the hospitals is at the point of death, and Miles K. Diamond, a rough rider and Richard Sullivan are in a critical condition, all of them suffering from the smoke. An effort was made to suppress the smoke nuisance, but no one could be found to sign a complaint against the smelters.

LARGE RANSOM IS DEMANDED

Filipinos Ask Spain \$20,000,000 for Release of Prisoners.

There is great irritation at Madrid at the continued refusal of the Filipinos to release the Spanish prisoners, who are said to exceed 10,000 in number. The insurgents are now demanding that Spain pay as a ransom for these prisoners the \$20,000,000 which it is to receive, according to the terms of the peace treaty, from the United States as compensation for money expended in the betterment of the Philippine Islands.

Cattle Must Be Certified.

At the request of some of the large cattlemen of Montana Governor Smith issued a proclamation modifying the quarantine regulations of the state, which prohibited the importation of cattle from states south of Kansas and Colorado during portions of the year. Southern cattle, under the new ruling, may be imported at any season of the year, providing that they are accompanied by certificates from some competent officer, showing that they have been dipped according to the formula prescribed by the department of animal industry.

Ross Surprises the Terrible Turk

Hali Adali, the terrible Turk, got a surprise party at Indianapolis, Ind., Friday night. Duncan Ross pulled him over the collar and elbow bout, and not understanding the style Adali broke bolts. Ross got the fall, it being the second one, in one minute and a half. The Turk took the Greco-Roman fall in four minutes and the catch-as-catch-can fall in five minutes. He simply crushed his man to the mat in both falls.

Gillett's Brother Also a Victim.

J. W. Gillett, hardware and implement dealer, has turned over his business at Woodbine, Kan., to his creditors. Gillett is a brother of Grant Gillett, the absconding cattle king, and held \$100,000 worth of cattle paper issued by his brother. The cattle which J. W. Gillett supposed he owned have been found to be mortgaged to others.

To Go to the Philippines.

Orders have been issued for the immediate preparation of the following regiments of regulars for service in the Philippines: Twelfth, at Jefferson barracks; Twenty-second, at Fort Crook, Neb.; Third, at Fort Snelling, Minn.; Fourth, at Fort Sheridan, Ill. The date of embarkation and the point of sailing has not yet been fixed.

Ship Is Seriously Injured.

So serious are the injuries sustained by the battleship Massachusetts as a result of the mishap which occurred a few days ago that naval constructor Bowles estimates the cost of repairs will be at least \$24,000. Constructor Bowles estimates that six weeks at least will be necessary to complete the work.

Leedy Calls an Extra Session.

Gov. Leedy of Kansas has called an extra session of the Kansas legislature to meet December 21, to enact legislation for the regulation of railroad charges.

Two Children Cremated.

The residence of Carl Wold, at Halstead, Minn., burned last Friday and his two children, who were alone at the time, were cremated.

Fireman's Fatal Devotion.

The collapse of a wall during a fire in a livery stable in Chicago Friday killed two firemen and injured a number of others.

THE WEEK IN TRADE

BUSINESS WORLD AS SEEN BY DUN & CO.

Washington Printer Throws Bricks Into the Residence of the British Minister at Washington—One Member of the Family Injured.

Dun & Co.'s Review.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: December is adding a surprising close to the most surprising year of American history. November surpassed all other months of the century in volume of business and production, and thus far December is doing even better, in output of pig iron, in activity and strength of securities. But that is saying a great deal, for in all these and other tests November was the best month of American financial history. The woolen industry also comes to the front with very extensive purchases of wool by large houses and small, helped by material concessions at Boston, so that sales at the three chief markets have been 17,968,700 pounds, of which 13,860,200 were domestic, against 15,307,100 last year, of which 7,443,000 were domestic. The transactions show a demand fairly up to that of the most prosperous years heretofore. A much improved demand for goods has started many mills long idle, and the prospects for the next season with wool at more reasonable prices has decidedly improved. The exports of wheat continue heavy, from Atlantic ports, flour included, 5,592,142 bushels, against 3,588,590 last year, and from Pacific ports, 741,991 bushels against 1,520,612 last year, so that for two weeks the outgo has been 11,871,540 bushels, against 9,401,555 last year. The corn movement is the most astonishing feature of the business, the exports for three weeks having been 7,707,302 bushels against 6,326,894 last year, and the price has advanced 1c for the week. Failures for the week have been 261 in the United States, against 329 last year.

ATTACKS EMBASSY.

Bricks Thrown Into the Residence of the British Minister.

The police of Washington, D. C., have under arrest Joseph W. Pearson, a printer 26 years of age, who made a violent attack on the British embassy with bricks, which he flung into the drawing room in which the members of the family of Sir Julian Pauncefote were seated. Miss Pauncefote was struck by a brick, but fortunately its force was somewhat spent and she escaped, with a slightly injured ankle. Several windows were smashed and the magnificent glass of the main entrance doors was broken and ruined. The total damage done, it is estimated, will amount to \$700. The offense may be a very serious one should he be adjudged sane, as special laws govern the case of foreign legations and embassies. The department of state has decided to secure a writ of inquiry into the sanity of Pearson. If adjudged insane he will be sent to an asylum. The matter is taken coolly at the embassy. It is understood no special action will be taken by the British ambassador.

SHOW FOR NEXT YEAR.

Omaha Exposition to Be Continued Under Another Name.

Omaha will hold another exposition next year. This decision was arrived at at a great mass meeting of business men, bankers and professional men Friday night last. The show will be called the Greater American Exposition. Twenty-five well known business men will act as incorporators and put the enterprise on its feet without delay. The meeting was marked by its brevity and its unanimity in favor of the exposition for next year. In duration it occupied a few minutes more than an hour, but it that time the amount of subscription passed the \$100,000 mark and showed about \$3,000 to spare and a couple of thousand names were added, making 35,000 to the petition that is being sent to Congressman David H. Mercer at Washington.

THREE KILLED OUTRIGHT.

Locomotive Strikes a Loaded Sleigh Containing Five Persons.

A south bound engine, light, on the Pacific, Oxford & Northern Railroad Friday night struck a sleigh containing five people near Inlay City, Mich., throwing them out seriously injuring two and killing three outright. The party in the sleigh had been visiting and were returning home. The driver was told by one of the party there was no train before 7 p. m., and started to cross the track. A light engine running backward struck the rear end of the sleigh and the occupants were thrown high into the air.

Innocent Man Is Freed.

Innocent of the crime of which he has been convicted, Mike O'Donnell slipped from behind prison bars in New York a free man after serving ten years of his sentence of thirty. Circumstantial evidence and individual character convicted him of the crime of robbery.

Emporia Cattleman Missing.

William J. Jones of Emporia, Kan., a prominent cattleman, mysteriously disappeared Saturday night, and it is said he mortgaged cattle he did not own to Elmore & Cooper, a commission firm of Kansas City, and presumably to other parties.

Mountaineers Hang Him.

Pleas Goin, the mountain desperado who killed Hunt Kesterson and fatally wounded Fred Burke on Clinch River in Lee County, Va., was on Saturday night swung to a limb by an infuriated mob of mountaineers.

CALVIN S. BRICE IS DEAD.

Noted Financier Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia.

Calvin Stewart Brice, the well-known financier and former United States Senator from Ohio, died of pneumonia Thursday afternoon at his home in New York. Mr. Brice was first taken ill on Saturday, but his condition was not regarded serious until Monday, when symptoms of pneumonia appeared.

Calvin S. Brice was born in Denmark, O., Sept. 17, 1845. He was the son of the Rev. W. K. Brice, a Presbyterian minister. After having received a common school education young Brice entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. He was then but 13 years old. When the war broke out he was among the first to volunteer in the university company, and in 1862 he was enrolled as a member of Company A of the Eighty-sixth Ohio volunteers. After serving for a year with the army in West Virginia, Brice returned to the university, being graduated in 1863.

Early in the following year he recruited a company, which was assigned to the 180th Ohio volunteers. When he left the army Brice had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. At the close of the war Col. Brice took up the study of law, and was admitted to practice in 1866. He practiced with great success until 1880, when he abandoned the profession to take charge of various enterprises in which he was interested. While practicing law Col. Brice became interested in politics. He was chosen delegate-at-large to the national Democratic convention held at St. Louis in 1888, and as a reward for his services at the convention he was elected chairman of the national campaign committee.

Col. Brice was elected United States Senator from Ohio in 1890, to succeed Senator Payne, and served one term. He had lived in New York City two years, but maintained a residence in Lima, Ohio. He leaves a widow and five children, three sons and two daughters.

CAPTAIN SIGSBEE TOO LATE.

Fails to Reach Fortress Monroe in Time to Sail on Texas.

Captain D. Sigsbee did not have the satisfaction of sailing into Havana harbor, his first visit there since the destruction of the Maine, in command of his own ship. It was considered in naval circles as a rather dramatic thing for Sigsbee's ship to be the first to reach Havana in response to a call for the protection of American interests there, just as he was sent to the Cuban capital in the Maine for a similar reason.

But they do things in a hurry in the navy nowadays, and Captain Sigsbee could not reach the Texas before she steamed out of Hampton roads. A telegram was sent to Captain Sigsbee at Fortress Monroe by the department telling him to take the first train for Tampa and take passage on the regular passenger vessel, thence to Havana.

CARLISTS LOSING GROUND.

Spain Wants Italy to Watch Don Carlos and Prove Its Friendship.

The Carlist movement in Spain is evidently beginning to lose ground. As a result the Spanish Government has become more aggressive. It is now anxious to locate Don Carlos, who has slid out of view since his reported appearance in Austria. The army is being slowly mobilized in Navarre and the Basque provinces as a check to Carlist movements. These provinces are in northern Spain, bordering the French frontier. Spain has asked the Italian Government to prove its friendship by watching for Don Carlos in Italy.

Teacher Badly Burned.

At the carnival exhibition given at Pawnee City Miss Myrtle Roper, one of the teachers in the city public school, took part in the exercises and was dressed in cotton batting. A match had been accidentally dropped on the floor on which she stood, and it exploded. The cotton readily ignited and in a moment was ablaze. This occasioned a panic in the audience. The flames on Miss Roper's clothing were speedily subdued, but before her body was severely burned. Physicians were hastily summoned and relieved her sufferings.

Neligh Bankers Indicted.

E. A. Reimers and O. C. Reimers, president and vice president, respectively, of the First National Bank of Neligh, have been arrested on indictments returned against them by the federal grand jury. They are charged with violations of the federal banking laws. The cashier, who was indicted with them, has disappeared. The bank failed in October.

Slot Machines Are Driven Out.

Fifteen hundred dollars' worth of nickel-in-the-slot machines must be turned toward the wall at Wayne. The chief of police made the rounds and notified the dozen different business houses in the city, where such machines are located, that they must be taken out. The order does not include the smaller machines which are played for cigars.

Surgical Experts to Meet.

Between Christmas and New Year's the Western Surgical and Gynecological Association will hold its annual meeting in Omaha at the Paxton Hotel. It will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29. D. S. Fairchild of Clinton, Iowa, is president of the association and George H. Simmont of Lincoln is secretary.

To Re-Enter National Guard.

Adjutant General Barry has directed William Hayward, recruiting officer, to muster in Company C, Second regiment, which is to be stationed at Nebraska City. Hayward was captain of the Nebraska City company which was mustered out last spring when it went into the government service.

Sentence Commuted.

Governor Holcomb has commuted the sentence of Henry Hecht to one year, one month and twenty-three days. Hecht was sentenced from Douglas County to two years in the penitentiary for manslaughter, and under the commutation he will be a free man this week.

Tax on Insurance Companies.

For a long time the village trustees of Osceola have been discussing the matter of assessing fire insurance companies for the benefit of the fire department and they have just passed an ordinance taxing all fire insurance companies \$5 a year.

Measles at Farnam.

An epidemic of measles has taken possession of Farnam, rendering it necessary to close the public schools.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Body of Peter Kreichbaum, the Franklin County Farmer Who Disappeared on the 2nd Inst., Is Found Buried in His Hog Pen.

Slain for His Gold.

The body of Peter Kreichbaum, the wealthy farmer who disappeared mysteriously a week or so ago, was found December 14 buried in the hog pen on his farm, three miles south of Franklin. It is undoubtedly a case of murder. The sheriff will endeavor to place under arrest two men who are suspected of having committed the crime—Will Cole, aged about 25 years, and James Tunman, aged about 45. The finding of the murdered Kreichbaum has created intense excitement.

Kreichbaum was a single man, well-to-do, and was not known to have any enemies. He always kept his money at his home and at times carried as high as \$1,000 on his person. He sold and delivered a lot of hogs at Franklin on Friday, the 2d inst., and did not have the check cashed before leaving town for home. It is supposed that some person or persons who knew of the transaction murdered him and took the money, afterward burying the body in the hog pen, where it was found.

Kreichbaum was last seen Friday night, December 2, returning from Franklin about dark and it was not until December 8 that foul play was suspected.

On Monday following the hog transaction two strangers appeared at the Kreichbaum place, claiming that they had bought the missing man's farm and stock and that Kreichbaum was going to Omaha. They remained about the place nearly all the week and busied themselves hauling to town what hogs and corn Kreichbaum had and also selling his horses.

ARE HELD FOR MURDER.

Will Cole and Jess Tunman Charged with Killing Peter Kreichbaum.

The coroner's jury impeached at Franklin to investigate the cause of the death of Peter Kreichbaum, the wealthy farmer who disappeared December 2 and whose mutilated body was discovered buried in a hog pen on his farm, three miles south of Franklin, returned the following verdict: "That Peter Kreichbaum came to his death by being shot in the head with a shotgun and by being struck on the head by a blunt instrument in the hands of Jesse Tunman and Will Cole."

Survivor of La Bourgogne Returns.

Fred Nyfler, a prominent young farmer, who lives near Columbus, returned a few days ago from an extended visit with his relatives in the fatherland. He left the state last spring and was a passenger on the ill-fated French liner La Bourgogne, which went to pieces and sank off Sable Island, and where 400 lives were lost. Mr. Nyfler was in the water clinging to wreckage for over eight hours before he was rescued, and was then taken back to New York and made another start on the trip.

Death of Ray's Victim.

Frank Cheeseman of Brownville died from the bullet wound inflicted by George Ray on November 2. Cheeseman, who is a barber, had surprised Ray at his home after having warned him to keep away. Cheeseman was said to have fired the first shot and he received one in return which resulted in his death.

Ask for a New Building.

The recent meeting of the board of regents of the university was devoted to work on the legislative budget. While no report is given out, it is understood that besides the regular appropriations a new building at the farm and an annex to one on the campus will be asked for.

Mayor Graham Acquitted.

Mayor Frank A. Graham of Lincoln was acquitted in the district court of the charge of bribery, following an indictment by the grand jury. The specific count on which he was tried was acceptance of a \$50 bribe from a city employee in order to retain his position.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The Methodists of Holbrook have decided to build a church.

A big wolf hunt near Gabelner resulted in the death of one wolf.

North Loup people are making an effort to secure a public library.

About half of this season's crop of corn is in the field on farms around Syracuse.

The American Bank of Sidney reports that their deposits have increased over \$20,000 in the last few weeks.

Ray Holt and Charles Rose of Syracuse have patented an acetylene gas generator and will undoubtedly make their fortune.

A live pigeon shoot will be held in Tilden on Monday, December 26. A liberal purse will be awarded the winner. Enough birds are assured for an excellent match.

W. R. Olmstead of Winside cultivated ten acres of sugar beets the last season but lost the major portion of them on account of being unable to secure help to harvest the crop.

The Methodist Church at North Platte was destroyed by fire last week. Prayer meeting was being held when the fire broke out. It is supposed to have caught from a defective flue.

J. T. Wilson of Nance County has a broken leg, resulting from a horse he was riding falling on him.

Madison Methodists have dedicated a new church. On the day of dedication there was a small amount due on the church and this was raised and \$200 more subscribed with which to buy an organ.

S. J. Weekes and R. H. Jenness, register and receiver of the O'Neill land office, will go to Fort Hartsuff, abandoned military reservation, and dispose of the balance of unsold land at auction to the highest bidder. During their absence the United States land office will be closed for business, but will be kept open for information.

Improvements in the way of new machinery are contemplated for the round house at Sidney.